

# The Scroll

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## CHORAL GROUP TO SING SERVICE

### Diplomas to be Awarded to Sunday School Students at Final Late Evening Service

The Choral Group, assisted by the regular Choir of the Synagogue will sing the full musical service on Friday, May 3rd. The Choral Group is one of the activities sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education and has been training all through this season under the direction of Cantor Putterman. Members of the group include Ruth Abrams, Fred Abrams, Rose Arkin, Ruth Blumenreich, Syra Friedlander, Fan Greenstein, Liese Lotte Horn, Myrtle Klein, Kenneth Males, Rita Millheiser, Lea Rabinowitz, June Rosenthal, Dr. Louis Lawrence Shapiro, Olga Bibor Stern, Jordon Stern, Arthur Washell, Ida Wells, Monroe Wexler.

The members of the Synagogue Choir are Devora Nadworney, Bernard Whitefield, Judith Litante, Morris Poaster. Isidore Geller, our organist, will accompany the group. Rabbi Steinberg's sermon on this evening will have as its theme "Propaganda and Education—What Distinguishes Them?"

## BOOK REVIEW GROUP ACCLAIMED SUCCESS

### Plans For Two Series For Coming Seasons

The Women's Book Review Group which has met with such widespread acclaim and been rewarded by phenomenal attendance will hold three meetings during the month of May. On Tuesday, May 7th, Rabbi Steinberg will speak on his own novel, "As a Driven Leaf." On Tuesday, May 21st, he will review four volumes on Pioneer America: "The Trees" by Conrad Richter, "Loon Feather" by Iola Fuller, "Oh, Promised Land" by James Street and "This Land Is Ours" by Louis Zara. On Tuesday, May 28th, Rabbi Steinberg will deal with "Across the Dark River" by Peter Mendelssohn, "Paris Gazette" by Lion Feuchtwanger, and "The Lights Go Down" by Erika Mann. These reviews will take place at 11 A.M. in the Vestry. Single admissions are 50c each.

The success of the project has led the committee which sponsors it to prepare its program for next season. The plans as formulated at present call for two series of six lectures each—the fall series to run from November 11th through December 16th; the spring series from April 1st through May 6th.

### Religious Schools To Conduct Services

The entire Sabbath worship on May 10th and 11th will be given over to the Religious Schools of the Park Avenue Synagogue. On Friday evening diplomas will be awarded to graduates of both the Elementary and High School departments. Henry Priester and Walter Scheinman, two graduates of the High School, and Anne Stern and Justin Greenberg of the undergraduate department, who have distinguished scholastic records will deliver addresses. Sanford Hahn will preach the sermon.

Those who have attended the annual service conducted by the Junior Congregation one Sabbath Morning each year in the Synagogue proper will testify to the fact that they constitute a moving and inspiring experience. Participating in the service will be Sanford Hahn and Louis Heller, Junior Rabbis; Bernard Joffe, Norman Katz, William Z. Putterman, Junior Cantors; Harry Chusid, Torah Reader; Jacob Easton Holzman II, Franklin Pickler, Barry Riesner and Ruth Weisbart, Readers.

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Since activities relax as the season approaches the summer, The Scroll which has appeared fortnightly ever since the High Holidays will during the next two months appear as a monthly.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

As the season of late Friday evening services draws to its close, I wish to make particular acknowledgement of one new departure in our Sabbath observance which has been lovely in itself and a major contribution to the Sabbath spirit in our Synagogue. I refer of course to the Oneg Shabbat.

This addition to our formal Friday night worship has developed in the group an informal and joyful expression of their Jewishness. Singing, dancing, and friendly discussions have added informal entertainment and have helped to create a more intimate spirit among our congregants.

Some of these evenings will for many of us be memorable such as, for example, the Heine evening when, following a lecture on Heine, Mrs. Clara Ostriker gave readings and Mr. Eric Benjamin showed items from his Heine collection. Or the animated discussions which followed upon Ittamar Ben-Avi's address. Or the delightful program of wit and humor in the Purim spirit by Mr. Irving Davidson. Or the lively Palestinian dances presented by the Coterie clubs.

To the men and women who have made this possible, my personal thanks; that, I know, of the entire congregation to Mr. Nathaniel Hess and the administrative committee over which he presides; to Mrs. Esther Friedman and her hostesses; to Cantor David Putterman for conducting the singing; to Mr. J. Michael Wiener; to Mrs. Olga Bibor Stern, Mrs. Shepard Shapiro and Miss Grace Merlub for their accompaniment at the piano; and to all the many others who enriched our Sabbath observance through the Oneg Shabbat.

RABBI MILTON STEINBERG

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sisterhood Spring Luncheon—Hotel Astor  
Wednesday, May 1st

Meeting of Committee on Adult Education  
Wednesday evening, May 1st, 8:15 P.M.

## Choral Group

Thursday evening, May 2nd

## Friday Evening Service

May 3rd, 8:30 P.M.

## Service Sung by Choral Group

## Oneg Shabbat in Vestry

## Saturday Morning Service

May 4th, 9:30 A.M.

## Junior Congregation, 10:30 A.M.

## Sunday School Sessions

May 5th, 9:45 A.M.

## Hebrew University Celebration

## Red Cross Group

Monday afternoon, May 6th, 2 P.M.

## Adult Classes

Monday evening, May 6th

## Book Review Group

Tuesday morning, May 7th, 11 A.M.

## Young Folks League Meeting

Tuesday evening, May 7th, 8:30 P.M.

## Friday Evening Service

May 10th, 8:30 P.M.

## Religious School Sabbath

## Oneg Shabbat in Vestry

## Saturday Morning Service

## Junior Congregation Service

May 11th, 9:30 A.M.

## Sunday School Sessions

May 12th, 9:45 A.M.

## Reconstructionist Meeting

Sunday evening, May 12th

## Red Cross Group

Monday afternoon, May 13th, 2 P.M.

## Friday Evening Services

May 17th, 6 P.M.

## Saturday Morning Service

May 18th, 9:30 A.M.

## Junior Congregation, 10:30 A.M.

## Sunday School Sessions

## Final Examinations

May 18th, 9:45 A.M.

## Red Cross Group

Monday afternoon, May 20th, 2 P.M.

## Adult Classes Closing Sessions

Monday evening, May 20th

## Book Review Group

Tuesday morning, May 21st, 11 A.M.

## Young Folks League Meeting

Tuesday evening, May 21st

## Friday Evening Service

May 24th, 6 P.M.

## Saturday Morning Service

May 25th, 9:30 A.M.

## Junior Congregation, 10:30 A.M.

## Sunday School Outing

May 26th

## Red Cross Group

Monday afternoon, May 27th, 2 P.M.

## Book Review Group

Tuesday morning, May 28th, 11 A.M.

## Closing Meeting of Sisterhood

Tuesday afternoon, May 28th, 1:30 P.M.

## Friday Evening Service

May 31st, 6 P.M.



## ADULT CLASSES TO CLOSE THIS MONTH

### Dr. Schneider to Speak on Religious Life in America

Monday evening, May 6th, will be the regular meeting night for all Adult Classes. At the major lecture course in "Comparative Religion" Rabbi Steinberg is to speak on "Judaism and Modern Christianity."

The closing sessions are to take place on Monday evening, May 20th. The guest lecturer at the major lecture course is to be Dr. Herbert S. Schneider, Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University. His theme is to be "Religious Expression in America, A Survey." Professor Schneider is one of the most brilliant younger men among American philosophers. He is the author of "The Puritan Mind," "The Making of the Fascist State," and co-author of "Religion in Various Cultures." As the titles of his works indicate, his is a broad area of interest, but American religion in its diverse manifestations has been his special study. He is probably the best equipped person in this country to interpret American religious life.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Master Anthony Ritter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ritter, who was Bar Mitzvah on April 13th; to Master Robert Armour, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Armour, who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on May 18th; and to Master Charles Heilbronner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Heilbronner, who will be Bar Mitzvah on May 25th. The Scroll offers best wishes for a successful and happy life to each of these new members in the ranks of the manhood of Israel.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Members of the congregation who have moved are asked to communicate their new addresses to Mr. Emanuel Rosenthal, secretary, as soon as possible.

## SISTERHOOD FLASHES

By MINNETTE S. HOLZMAN

### LAST MEETING

*Tuesday, May 28th at 1:30 P.M.*

A good old-fashioned Strawberry Festival will be the piece-de-resistance!

Every member surely will want to participate in the last meeting of the season—and what a meeting it promises to be! The Chairman of the afternoon will be June Rosenthal, who always gives us a delightful program. "Home talent" will supply the entertainment—and we all know what fun that always is.

Make this closing meeting an occasion worth cherishing throughout the summer. Come one, come all!

A Red Cross Unit, under the guidance of Sara Botein has been established and will meet at the Synagogue every Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock beginning May 6th and will continue throughout the summer. There will be work of all kinds for everyone, so please enroll at the first meeting.

## Late Friday Services End May 10th

The late Friday evening services which all through the season began at 8:30 o'clock and were accompanied by a sermon message will come to a close on the Friday evening of May 10th. Thereafter worship on the eve of the Sabbath will take up the summer schedule. Services on Friday evening will begin at 6 o'clock and will be unaccompanied by a sermon.

## DINNER FOR DR. HARRY WECHSLER

### Zionists to Honor Yorkville District President May 15th

Dr. Harry Wechsler, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue and President of the Yorkville Zionist District, is to be honored at a dinner given by the District on Wednesday evening, May 15th, at the Hotel St. Moritz. Under Dr. Wechsler's leadership the District came into being and has presented a magnificent program of education and propaganda on behalf of the Zionist cause. The Scroll extends its felicitations the more enthusiastically because of Dr. Wechsler's membership in our congregation and because a large part of the membership of the Yorkville District is drawn from our Synagogue.

## TEMPLE TID-BITS

By FAY P. WIENER

**REACHING A NEW HIGH:** *Mrs. A. Ralph Steinberg* (professionally *Florence Leffert*) of our Adult Classes, made the headlines last week by appearing as a soprano soloist at a MacDowell Club concert. We have it on no less an authority than "Believe It or Not" Bob Ripley that *Mrs. Steinberg* sings in 22 languages, which is a staggering number in any language . . . **WHAT AN EXHIBITIONIST:** After viewing the lovely paintings of *Adolph Gottlieb*, son of Sisterhood's *Mrs. Emil Gottlieb*, on display at the Artists' Gallery, we enthusiastically rushed to register for an art course. *Mr. Gottlieb* has been commissioned by Uncle Sam to paint a mural for a Nevada Post Office, and we are looking forward to viewing it even if the only way we can get to Nevada is by way of Reno . . . **A "MUST" ON YOUR SHOPPING LIST:** The new "swell-egant" discs by *Cantor Putterman* . . . **"COME DRESSED AS YOUR SUPPRESSED DESIRE":** Thus stated the invites to the surprise birthday party given for *William Heller*. It was an occasion not only for congratulations, but exclamations. Neither space nor the Board of Censors permit us to describe the ingenuity of the costumes, but suffice to say the party was a wow— and how! . . . **TIME-TABLE CONSCIOUS:** It's all points of the compass for *Lecturer Milton Steinberg*, whose platform commitments this season have taken him as far West as Nebraska and Texas, as far South as Louisiana, as far North as Winnipeg and Montreal, Canada, and as far East as Boston. There's a rumor around town that an African Zulu chieftain, not to be outdone by his more civilized brethren, is bidding for his services next . . . **THE AUCTION BLOCK:** Going, going, gone! And with these words our *Dr. Harry F. Wechsler*, became the owner of an original W. H. Auden manuscript, and at the same time helped to swell the funds for the activities of German-American writers . . . **ENCORE! ENCORE!** Return engagement demanded by popular request of the Sisterhood's Radio Tea Party. A bouquet to *Mrs. Alex Ostriker* for conceiving and arranging a program worthy of a Billy Rose production—to *Mrs. Milton Steinberg* on her radio debut, and for the wit and cleverness of her script, thereby emerging as a distinct star and personality in her own right. We put our hats on for the *Rabbi* but we take them off for the *Rebberzin* — To *Mrs. Abraham Geller* as chairman of the afternoon — To *Mrs. Nat E. Hess* for the sheer beauty of her singing, and to the many others who contributed their special talents in making this party one of Sisterhood's proudest moments . . . **WHAT'S YOUR "M. Q."?** On a difficult musiquiz, congregant *Louis B. Miller* proved that his musical quotient was way over par . . . **ON PINS AND NEEDLES:** It seemed we waited ages until we finally were able to crash thru the bevy of admiring congregants that surrounded the *Jacob Friedmans* at the conclusion of the Passover service. We join the rest of the well-wishers with a "Welcome Home" . . . **RABBI ZIMET SCORES AGAIN:** Not even the traditional bitter herbs could detract from the gayety that prevailed at the Passover Seder presided over by *Rabbi Zimet* and sponsored by the Emigré Group. Their only regret is that Pesach

## Religious Schools Hold Two Seder Services

### Dramatic Club Presents Tableaux on Exodus

Two divisions of the Religious Schools held Passover Seders on April 21st at the Synagogue. The elementary department seder was attended by 175 children at which a series of tableaux were presented depicting the Exodus from Egypt. The scenes were presented by the Junior Dramatic Club.

Selections from the Hagadah were read by Jacqueline Van Gelder, Ursula Leeser, Shephard Van Gelder, Joyce Katz, Joan Arnstein, Betty Marquith, Charles Heilbronner, Robert Kuhn, Helen Chusid, Werner Goldschmidt, Hugh Levy, Peter Koch, Emanuel Scholem, Carol Phillips, Leila Paul, Edward Buckstein, Leonard Balaban, Marilyn Metzger, Robert Kieval, Alfred Stern, Julian Meltzer, Ruth Luebeck, David Galler, Franklin Picker, Harry Schwarz, Lawrence Meltzer, Lucille Filler, Bernard Joffe, James Finckelstein, Ruth Weisbart.

### High School Department Seder

The seder was presided over by Sanford Hahn and Norman Katz sang the Kiddush and a number of other prayers.

The High School Department's Seder was presided over by Messrs. Rivlin and Davis, instructors of the Sunday School and the service was read by students.

Rabbi Zimet gave a short talk describing Passover celebrations in Nazi Germany and in London.

On April 23rd and 24th the Junior Congregation conducted special Passover Services.

comes but once a year . . . **GET-WELL-QUICK WISHES:** To *Mrs. Mathilda Heller* . . . We're so glad to be able to report that *Mrs. Isaac Liberman* has recovered from her long illness . . . **ANNIVERSARY CONGRATS:** To the *Leo Guggenheimers*.